

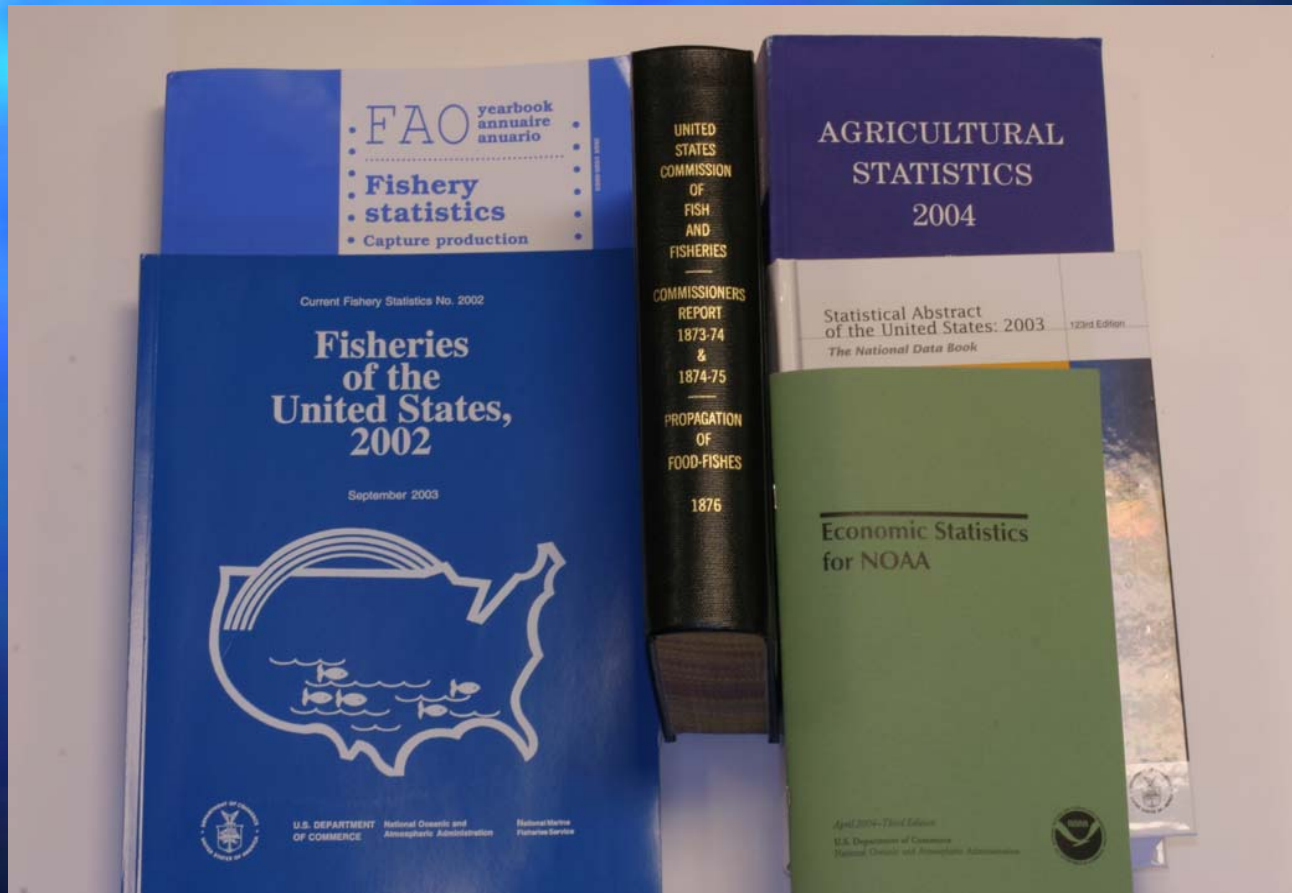
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The Fisheries Statistics & Economics Division collects data and coordinates information and research programs to support the science-based stewardship of the nation's living marine resources.

In addition to integrating and disseminating state and federal statistics about marine fisheries, we coordinate the NMFS economics and fishery observer programs. Our efforts help to build sustainable fisheries.

This site describes how and why we conduct all our programs, provides access to key databases (commercial fisheries landings, foreign trade, marine recreational fisheries catch and effort), and contains relevant links and references.

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The 2002 edition of [Fisheries of the United States](#) is available for download.

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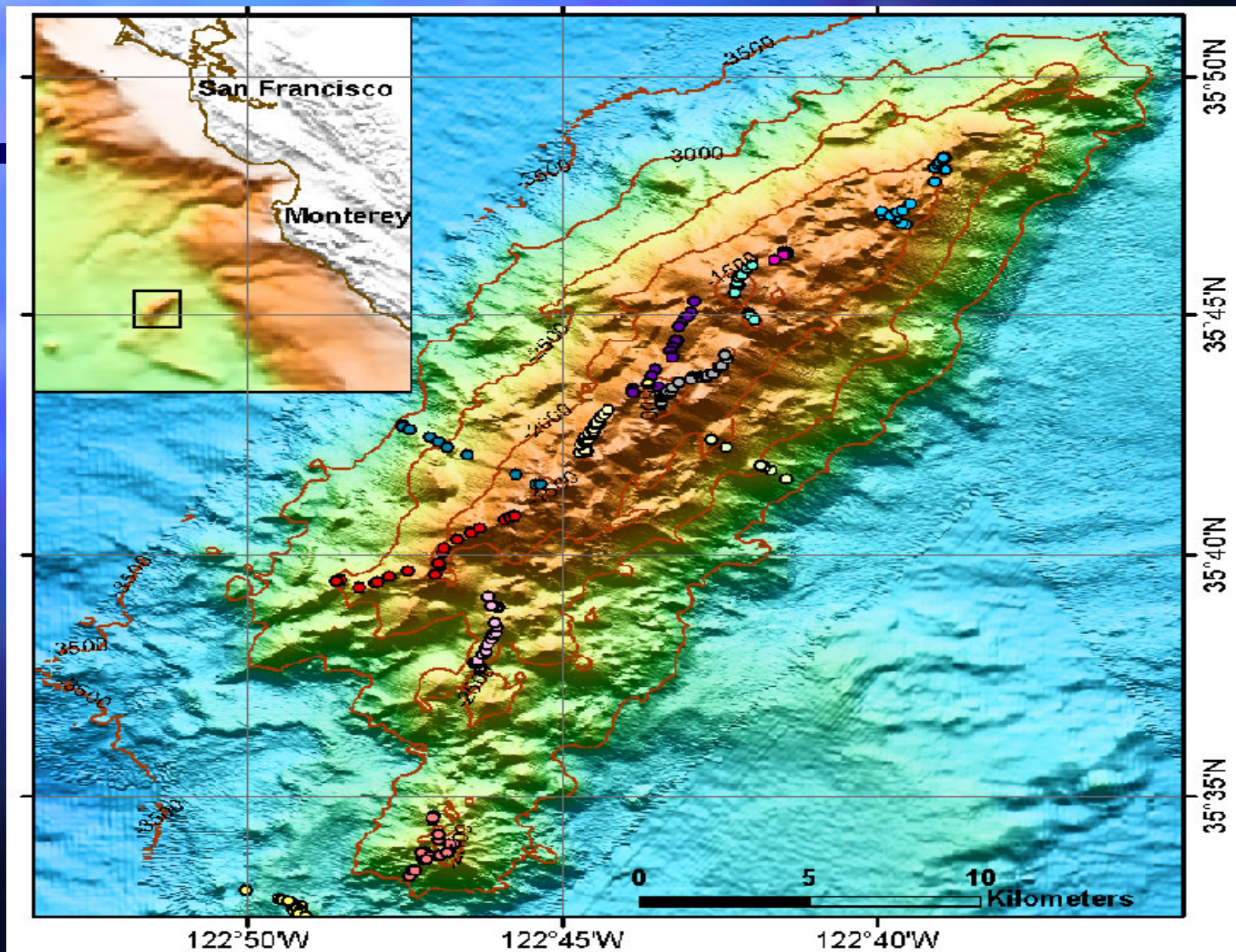
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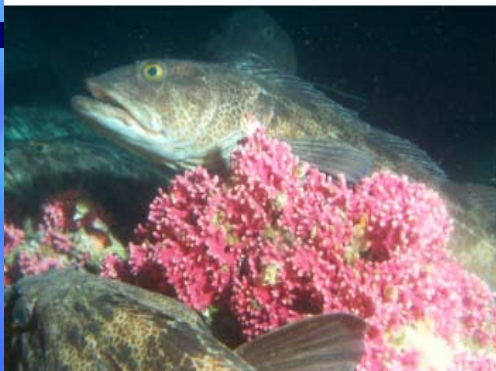
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Seamounts



Corals

Deep-Sea Corals and Trawl Fisheries



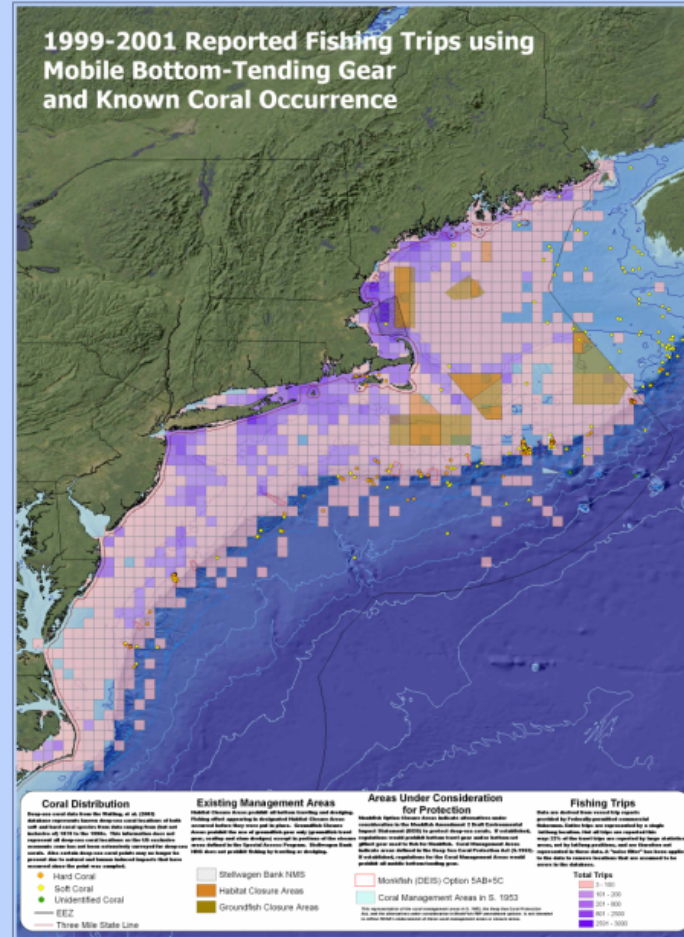
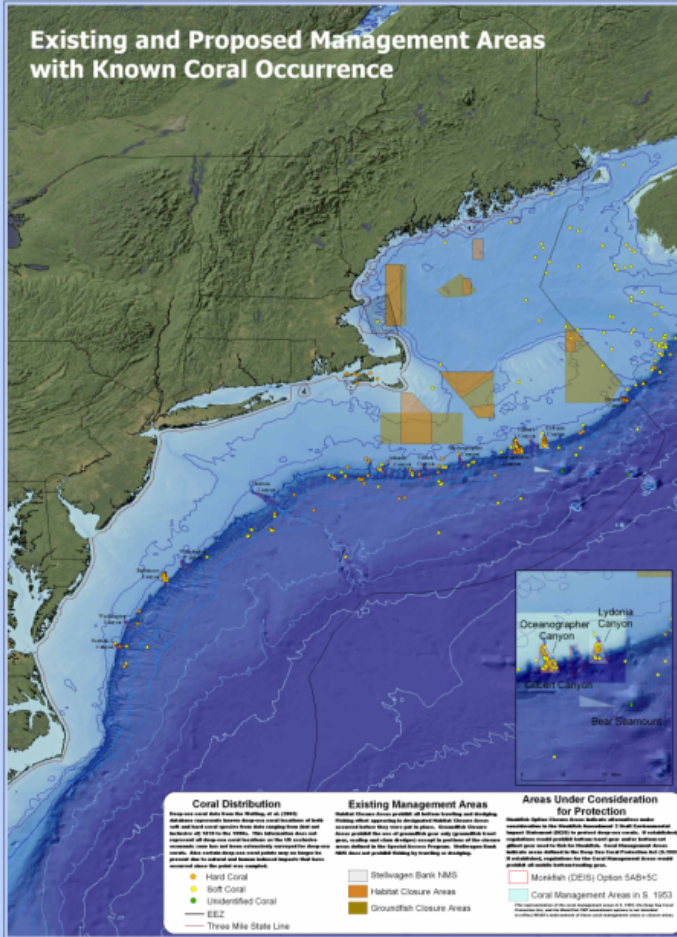
- Conservation of deep-sea or cold-water corals is a rapidly emerging issue, both internationally and domestically
- A *Deep Sea Coral Protection Act* has been introduced in both the House and Senate. The Senate is revising it's legislation. To better inform this process, NOAA was asked to provide maps for the Northeastern U.S. identifying:
 - Known locations of deep-sea corals
 - Fishing trawl and dredge records from the last three years
 - Locations of existing Sanctuaries and no-trawl zones
- Follow-on requests are expected for the remaining U.S. regions.
- In addition to the Senate request, this information will be used in an upcoming *State of the Deep Coral Ecosystems of the United States* being prepared by NOAA.

New Technology

GIS Map Prepared by NOAA Fisheries in response to Hill request

Deep-Sea Coral and Fisheries Management

Maps display number of trips made by bottom trawl, scallop dredge, and clam dredge vessels in relation to habitat closed areas, groundfish mortality closure areas, closure areas under consideration, and known deep-sea coral locations.

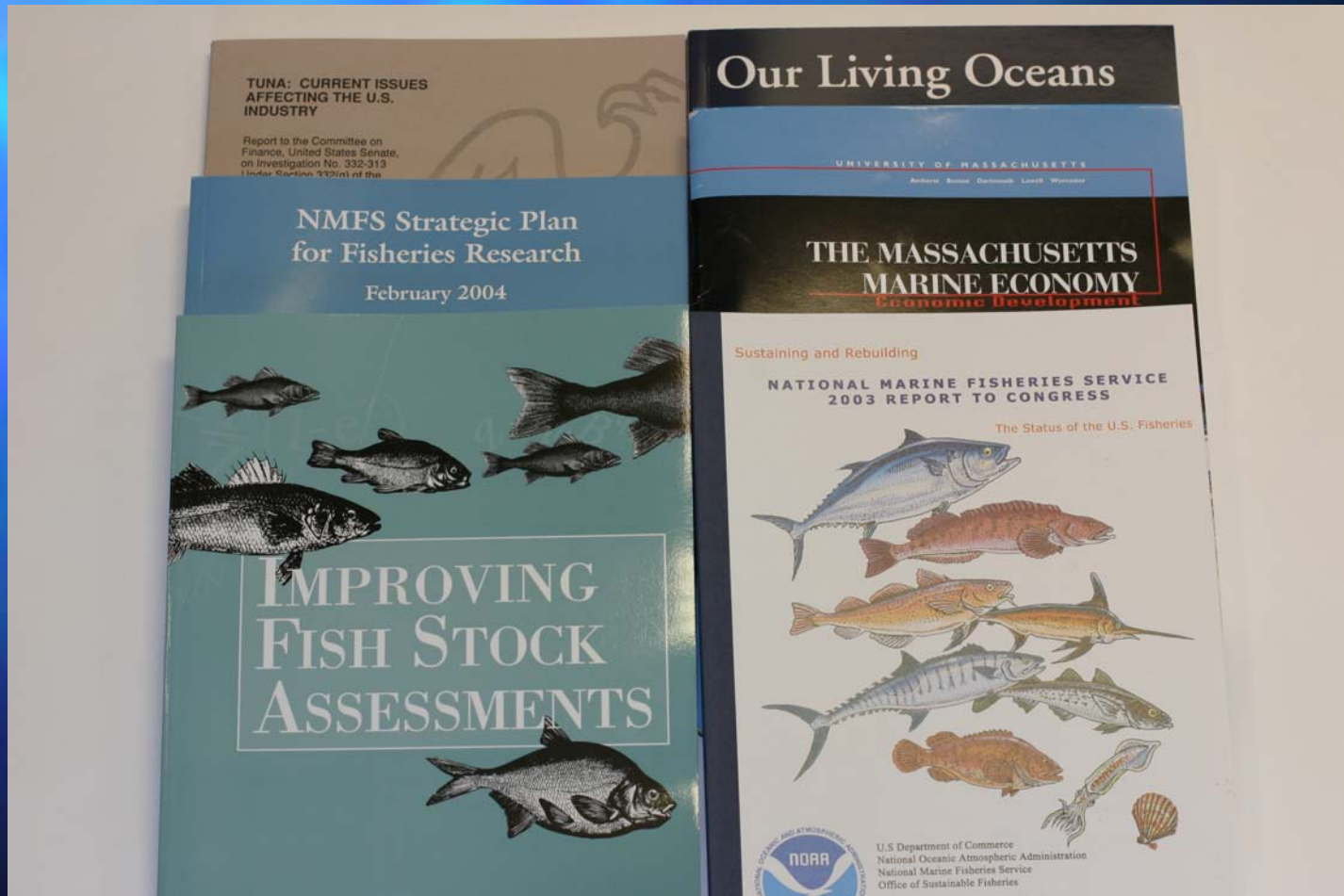


Data Sources:
 • Walling and Roster Database provided data for known locations of soft and hard coral occurrences, Walling, L., P. Roster, L. Babin, C. Shuster and R. Mosher 2001, A Geographic Database of Deepwater Microorganisms of the Northeastern U.S. Continental Shelf and Slope, Version 1.0 CB-8000 National Science Foundation, University of Connecticut, Storrs.
 • Vessel trip report database (VTR) located at NMFS Northeast Regional Office in Gloucester, MA
 • NOAA NMFS 1 Minute Composite Bathymetry (Batho) and NOAA, Nautical Chart
 • NOAA Research Office of Ocean Exploration provided undersampled Coral Locations.
 • New England Fishery Management Council provided the Morshfish proposed area data.

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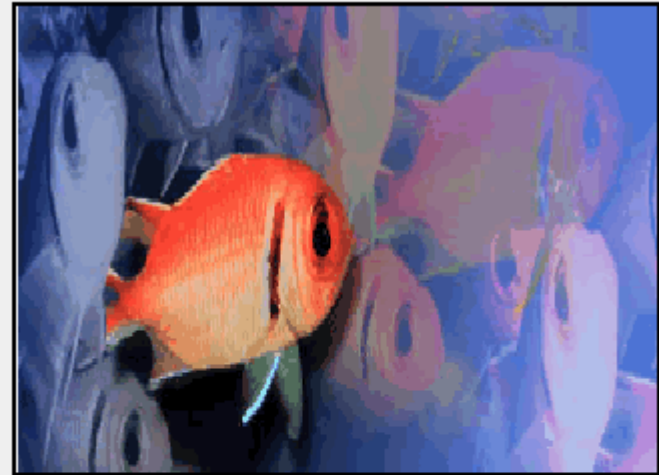
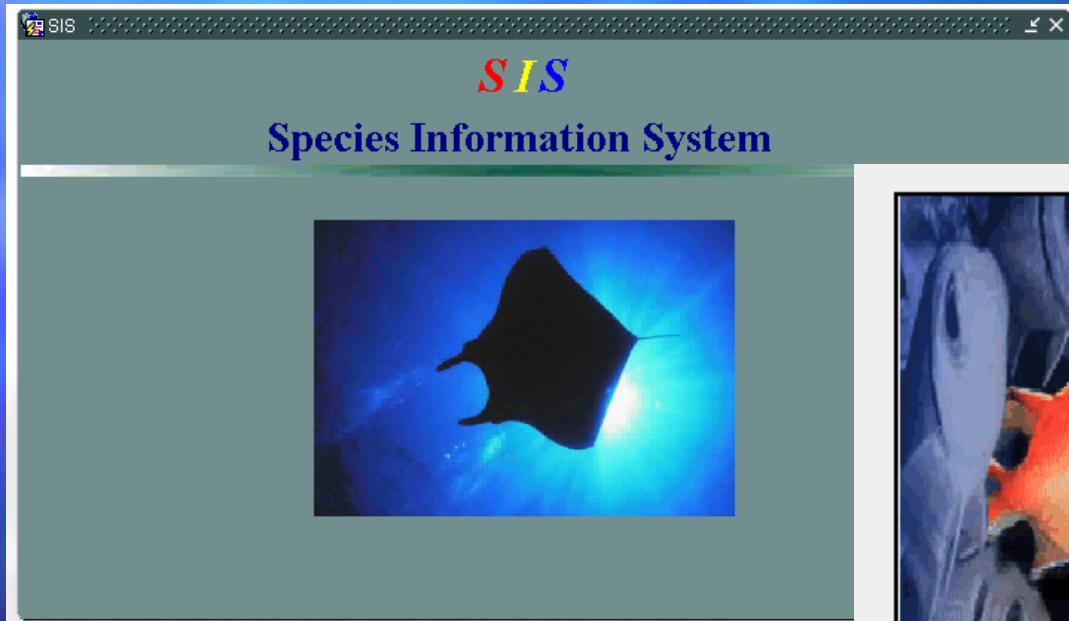
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